

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 2, 2004

To recognize and honor Mr. Jorge Shaffick Handal of the Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN) party, for his advocacy and commitment for democracy and social justice in El Salvador; and to declare February 10, 2004 as "Jorge Shaffick Handal and Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN) Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Washington metropolitan area has become the home to thousands of Salvadorans, who comprise the largest nationality of Latinos living in the District of Columbia;

WHEREAS, Jorge Shaffick Handal was part of the negotiating team that led to the peace agreement in El Salvador in January 1992;

WHEREAS, Jorge Shaffick Handal is a warm light for Salvadoran communities, locally and abroad, for many others to follow;

WHEREAS, Jorge Shaffick Handal has been advocating for social justice and democracy in El Salvador for its citizens for over 40 years;

WHEREAS, Salvadorans, living in the District of Columbia, maintain strong ties with their country of origin, its relatives, and its communities; and

WHEREAS, Salvadorans locally are interested in the strengthening of multi-party democracy in their country of origin.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Jorge Shaffick Handal and Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN) Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds the work of Mr. Jorge Shaffick Handal, the presidential candidate of the Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN), a legally constituted political party in El Salvadore, and presents this resolution in recognition of Mr. Handel's contributions to democracy and social justice in El Salvadore, and declares February 10, 2004 as the "Jorge Shaffick Handal and Farabundo Marti para la Liberacion Nacional (FMLN) Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To recognize and honor Evandy White who at age 87 proudly accepted his high school diploma on Sunday, January 11, 2004.

WHEREAS, Evandy White, a Ward Eight resident since 1995, recently completed the requirements for his High School Diploma at the Breakthrough Bible College, the only one of three senior citizen students to complete the nine-month equivalency course;

WHEREAS, Evandy White was born in Warrington, Florida on July 12, 1916, and more than 70 years ago dropped out of school to help his father support his eight brothers and sisters in Pensacola, Florida;

WHEREAS, Evandy White stood for justice in spite of several threats on his life by purveyors of injustice and prejudice while living in the south;

WHEREAS, Evandy White married the late Olivia Tinder White and together they had one child, Evandalene White Dorsey, an elementary school educator in Prince Georges County who has three daughters all with advanced degrees;

WHEREAS, Evandy White educated his daughter and three grandchildren and never stopped encouraging them to "Get all of the education that you can";

WHEREAS, Evandy White continued to work tirelessly for many years to support his family and remained active in and loyal to his church family as a Deacon, sang in the senior and male choirs and traveled with the White Brother's Quartet; and

WHEREAS, Evandy White has never forgotten about the other seniors and youth in our community, and has always provided a helping hand wherever needed to support others.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Evandy White Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council recognizes and honors Evandy White for earning his high school diploma at the age of 87.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 2, 2004

To recognize and honor the Nineteenth Annual Blood Pressure Program of Greater Southeast Community Hospital.

WHEREAS, Greater Southeast Community Hospital will be celebrating nineteen years of community outreach for its Neighborhood Blood Pressure Program;

WHEREAS, this event at Greater Southeast Community Hospital will honor the one hundred twenty volunteers and church pastors who have tirelessly provided blood pressure screenings at their churches and community sites;

WHEREAS, Blood Pressure is the force applied against the walls of the arteries as the heart pumps blood through the body;

WHEREAS, pressure is determined by the force and amount of blood pumped and the size and flexibility of the arteries;

WHEREAS, untreated high blood pressure is a major contributor to heart disease, strokes, kidney failure and is one of the leading causes of premature disability and death;

WHEREAS, high blood pressure can be prevented and controlled by encouraging healthy diets, exercise and the use of screening services; and

WHEREAS, working together to prevent and control high blood pressure will enable the residents of our city to live longer healthier and more productive lives.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Greater Southeast Community Hospital Neighborhood Blood Pressure Program Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and salutes the efforts of Greater Southeast Community Hospital and the many volunteers who provide blood pressure screenings to the residents of the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 2, 2004

To recognize and celebrate the 30th birthday of the Latin American Youth Center, and to declare April 1, 2004 as "Latin American Youth Center Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Latin American Youth Center, Inc., located at 1419 Columbia Road, N.W., in Ward One was incorporated in 1974 for the purpose of serving at-risk Latino youth;

WHEREAS, the guiding principle of the Latin American Youth Center is "Strong Youth, Strong Families, Strong Futures, Strong Communities";

WHEREAS, the Latin American Youth Center, Inc., annually serves over 5,000 children, youth, and families through its educational, workforce, social service, creative enterprise and advocacy programs;

WHEREAS, the Latin American Youth Center helps provide youth and families with the education, skills, training and support they need to live, work, and study with dignity, hope, and joy; and

WHEREAS, the Latin American Youth Center is celebrating its 30th birthday by hosting a variety of special events and activities in the District of Columbia.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL of THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Latin American Youth Center 30th Birthday Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the Board of Trustees on its three decades of sound stewardship; applauds the Latin American Youth Center for its long-term efforts in promoting social justice for youth by fostering the development of critical thinking and leadership skills; and declares April 1, 2004 as "Latin American Youth Center Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 2, 2004

To recognize and honor the Honorable Frank Smith, Jr., in conjunction with his retirement on January 2, 2004.

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., a native of the state of Georgia began his esteemed career of service as an organizer in the Civil Rights Movement;

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., attended the Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia studying Political Science and received a Ph. D. in Urban Planning from the Union Graduate School in San Francisco, California;

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., came to the District of Columbia after receiving a fellowship with the Institute of Policy Studies and served as a housing advocate and civic activist in the Adams Morgan neighborhood of Ward 1;

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., was elected as one of the first Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners and was subsequently elected to the District of Columbia Board of Education in 1978;

WHEREAS, Frank Smith, Jr., was elected to the Council of the District of Columbia in 1982;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Frank Smith, Jr., championed the issues of affordable housing for low and moderate income residents, the comprehensive plan, tenant rights, and other areas involving housing and land use;

WHEREAS, the Honorable Frank Smith, Jr., has become well known for his efforts to plan, fund, develop and publicize a monument to African American Soldiers of the Civil War; and

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WHEREAS, the Honorable Frank Smith, Jr., joined the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development as a special assistant for Monuments, Museums and Commemorative Works and advised the government on the placement of museums, monuments and statutes.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Honorable Frank Smith, Jr., Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia honors the Honorable Frank Smith, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement from the District of Columbia government on January 2, 2004, and for the valuable contribution he has made to the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 2, 2004

To recognize the Reverend Anthony J. Motley, Founding Pastor of Redemption Ministry, and John M. McMahon, Chairman, Miller & Long Co. Inc., as the motivating forces behind the creation and establishment of the Job Opportunities Builds Success Coalition.

WHEREAS, John M. McMahon grew up in the District of Columbia and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School;

WHEREAS, Anthony Motley grew up in the District of Columbia and graduated from Anacostia High School;

WHEREAS, John M. McMahon started out in Miller & Long Co. Inc.'s jobsite training program in the 1960s and rose to his current position of chairman;

WHEREAS, Anthony Motley was licensed and ordained a minister in the District of Columbia, and graduated from the Howard University School of Divinity;

WHEREAS, Redemption Ministry was established in October of 1993 in the home of the Reverend and Mrs. Anthony Motley for children and adults in their neighborhood;

WHEREAS, Miller & Long Co. Inc., has been a proud member of the community and has provided job training and career opportunities for thousands of District residents;

WHEREAS, Redemption Ministry is a well regarded evangelistic, outreach and deliverance ministry in the Congress Heights section of Southeast, Washington, D.C.;

WHEREAS, the JOBS Coalition seeks to help provide opportunities for District residents to secure gainful employment, remove barriers that prevent meaningful employment opportunities, provide access to educational and training opportunities for District residents interested in pursuing careers in various industries and trades, works toward the creation of a

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comprehensive, fair and more open system of training and hiring underserved, unemployed, and returning ex-offenders, and ensures the training and educational skills being taught are relevant to the job market of today and tomorrow;

WHEREAS, the JOBS Coalition is supported by the construction industry, education and faith-based communities, and government; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia recognizes that supporting and promoting the JOBS Coalition is a key to the continued success and prosperity of the District and its residents.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "JOBS Coalition Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia applauds Reverend Anthony J. Motley, Redemption Ministry, John M. McMahon, Miller and Long Co. Inc., and the JOBS Coalition for working tirelessly to provide training and job opportunities to District residents.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 2, 2004

To recognize the outstanding performance of West Elementary School, in Ward 4, and celebrate its designation as a Blue Ribbon school.

WHEREAS, Joseph Rodman West Elementary School ("West Elementary School") is a public grade school located at 1338 Farragut Street, N.W., in Ward 4;

WHEREAS, West Elementary School is a school that has a philosophy, mission, and a vision for overall student success;

WHEREAS, the philosophy of West Elementary School states that the purpose of education is to provide a continuum of essential learning, to supply each student with the opportunities to acquire the requisite skill and experience for success in life, and students are expected to be able to demonstrate learner exit outcomes, such as: Self-directed Learners, Collaborative Performers, Effective Communicators, Problem Solvers and Responsible Citizens;

WHEREAS, West Elementary School's mission for student achievement is to provide students with the best foundation for future academic, social and emotional success, as well as to grant all students the "standards based curriculum" combined with values and enrichment activities;

WHEREAS, the West Elementary school's vision is for West students to be able to use modern technology effectively, coordinate written and oral communication skills, analyze, calculate and solve problems which will enable each student to achieve his or her maximum potential and become productive, viable students fully prepared for the next appropriate level;

WHEREAS, the West Elementary school principal, teachers, and administrative staff have developed the above techniques to facilitate student academic achievements, which as resulted in West students demonstrating significant academic growth over a six-year period;

WHEREAS, in 2001, the United States Congress passed the No Child Left Behind Act, mandating all schools to raise the bar of education and to ensure every child in this country a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality of education;

WHEREAS, over a six-year period West Elementary school students demonstrated through the Stanford 9 standardized achievement test significant growth;

WHEREAS, in 1997-1998, 75% of West Elementary school students were scoring below basic in reading, and by 2002-2003, only 1% percent scored below basic in reading;

WHEREAS, in 1997-1998, 68% of West Elementary school students scored below basic in math, and by school year 2002-2003, no students at West Elementary school scored below basic in math;

WHEREAS, for the consistency of student overall achievement and academic success over a six-year period between 1997-2003, West Elementary school was nominated by the State Education Department to recognize as a Leave No Child Behind Blue Ribbon School; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2003 Joseph Rodman West Elementary received the district honor from the Honorable Rod Paige, United States Secretary of Education, at a Blue Ribbon Ceremony in Washington, D.C., becoming a 2003 Blue Ribbon School, joining Horace Mann Elementary and Burrville Elementary, which were also so recognized.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Joseph Rodman West Elementary School Outstanding Performance Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. (a) The Council of the District of Columbia commends Joseph Rodman West Elementary School for its outstanding academic achievements.

(b) The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the Joseph Rodman West Elementary School for being recognized nationwide as a model school.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 2, 2004

To recognize and celebrate the 55th graduation commencement of the Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering of the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association and to declare April 2, 2004 as "Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering of the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association, located at 1923 16th St. N.W., in Ward One, was organized in 1949 at the Liberty Baptist Church for the purpose of teaching ushers of the association the silent uniform method of church ushering by means of signal codes;

WHEREAS, the guiding principle of the Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering is teaching primary phases of parliamentary procedures coacting with the ushering course;

WHEREAS, the Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering cumulatively has served over 100,000 students since its existence;

WHEREAS, the Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering provides its students with the necessary skills, expertise, and professionalism required for a productive career as an usher; and

WHEREAS, the Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering, now in its 55th year of existence, is having its graduation commencement exercise.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering on its five decades of usher instruction; and declares April 2, 2004 the "Catherine E. Mills School of Ushering Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 2, 2004

To recognize and honor Nathans for 35 years of providing exemplary service and cuisine to residents of Georgetown, and the surrounding metropolitan area and to declare February 27, 2004 as "Nathans Tavern Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the tavern was opened in March 1969 by founding partners J. Howard Joynt III, Charlie Mathieson and a Georgetown character who called himself "Nathan Detroit";

WHEREAS, within a few months, Nathan and Charlie sold their shares to Howard, who began his almost three decades as the sole proprietor of Nathans;

WHEREAS, in 1974 the Washington Post gave Nathans, Howard and chef Giuseppina Allesandrini a rave review for creating a chic restaurant with outstanding northern Italian cuisine;

WHEREAS, as they do today, a mix of colorful regulars, sports stars, political wags, media heavies and regular folks came from everywhere to mingle with genuine Georgetowners, and have a beer, or sip champagne, scotch or cognac and unwind into the wee hours;

WHEREAS, throughout its 35 years, Nathans has remained true to its roots as an authentic bar in which a blender drink has never been served;

WHEREAS, Howard died in 1997, and Nathans was passed to his widow, Carol and their young son, Spencer;

WHEREAS, it was a radical change of direction for Carol, a professional journalist, who for 30 years was a network news producer, working with, among others, Walter Cronkite, David Brinkley, Ted Koppel, Charlie Rose and Larry King;

WHEREAS, in 1987, Carol and Charlie Rose won the national news Emmy for "Best Interview" for an hour long interview with Charlie Manson for CBS news;

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WHEREAS, the menu today features steaks and chops from Chicago and outstanding Chesapeake Bay seafood, as well as Nathans classics, like Lobster Fettuccini;

WHEREAS, on occasional weekdays between Labor Day and Memorial Day, Nathans hosts the Community Lunch, where the famous, celebrated and notorious come to submit to a Q&A by Carol and a roomful of patrons. The lunch, now in its third year, has been called "Washington's new salon"; and

WHEREAS, the first official lunch happened in the fall of 2001, as a response to the September 11th terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., when Carol sensed a need for community members to get together to talk and learn, and most of all, ease their fears and anxiety. Since then the lunches have featured guests as diverse as NBC anchor Tom Brokaw, FedEx Founder Fred Smith, Redskin's legend John Riggins, Mayor Anthony Williams, syndicated columnist Art Buchwald, New York social icon, the late C.Z. Guest, and dozens of other notables.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA , That this resolution may be cited as the "Nathans' 35th Anniversary Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia recognizes Nathans for over 35 year of exemplary service and cuisine to the Georgetown neighborhood and surrounding metropolitan area, and declares Sunday, February 29, 2004 "Nathans Tavern Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 2, 2004

To recognize the week of March 1-5, 2004 as "No Name Calling Week" in the District of Columbia in support of safer schools by making bullying, harassment, and name-calling unacceptable.

WHEREAS, many students in the District of Columbia have reported being verbally harassed at school;

WHEREAS, these acts of verbal harassment have led to physical abuse and sexual harassment and even death;

WHEREAS, according to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network's National School Climate Survey, verbal taunts based on real or perceived race, religion, sex, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnicity, disability or any other personal characteristic, contribute to poorer grades, higher dropout rates, absenteeism, self-destructive behavior and other negative outcomes, and severely decrease the likelihood that students will seek post-secondary education;

WHEREAS, more than 40 major national education related and professional organizations and their local affiliates are engaging schools in bringing awareness of the consequences of bias-based harassment in schools;

WHEREAS, the purpose of No Name Calling Week is to create safer schools by making bullying, harassment, and name-calling unacceptable through public education campaigns that motivate youth to change their behavior and mobilize students and educators take school-based action around the problem of name-calling and verbal harassment; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia has always placed an emphasis on the importance of a quality, hate-free education and safe schools.

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RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "No Name Calling Week Declaration Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia urges all parents, student, teachers and administrators to support this effort to end bullying, harassment, and violence in our public schools, and declares March 1-5, 2004 as "No Name Calling Week" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 2, 2004

To recognize and honor Ms. Grace J. Lyons on the occasion of her retirement from the District of Columbia Public Library, and to declare March 5, 2004 as "Ms. Grace Lyons Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, Ms. Grace J. Lyons began work on February 13, 1973 as Chief of the Special Services Division at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library and Director of the District of Columbia Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.

WHEREAS, Ms. Grace J. Lyons has worked tirelessly to inform individuals with visual or physical disabilities and older adults of the services available to them through organizing, participating and presenting at hundreds of community events and publishing newsletters, and informative handouts as part of her work with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress and the District of Columbia Public Library.

WHEREAS, Ms. Grace J. Lyons instituted a bookmobile service to the Lorton Complex; spearheaded the Later Life Learning Center; founded the Friends of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and the Washington Volunteer Readers for the Blind; and fostered the Library's Services to the Deaf program;

WHEREAS, Ms. Grace J. Lyons introduced assistive technology for the public at the District of Columbia Public Library and was honored by MCI as a Cyberian of the Year for her role in technology education;

WHEREAS, Ms. Grace J. Lyons has actively served on numerous boards and committees for such organizations as the D.C. Americans with Disabilities Council, the D.C. Council of the Blind, D.C. Office on Aging, the Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities, the National Federation of the Blind, and the Washington Vision Council;

WHEREAS, Ms. Grace J. Lyons has brought national recognition to both the D.C. Public Library and the city of Washington, D.C., through her activities as a respected national library leader by assisting with the founding of the American Library Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies and as a member of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and other national organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Grace J. Lyons has completed 31 years of dedicated service to our residents, the city, and the District of Columbia Public Library.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution maybe cited as the "Grace J. Lyons Retirement Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and honors Ms. Grace J. Lyons on the occasion of her retirement, and declares March 5, 2004 as "Grace Lyons Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

March 2, 2004

To recognize the 20th Annual Marvin Gaye Day in the District of Columbia, and declare April 2, 2004 as "Marvin Gaye Day" in the District of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the African American Music Association, Inc., hosts an annual event to focus attention on the needs of the youth of our city and to celebrate the birthday of the late musical genius, Marvin Gaye Jr.;

WHEREAS, Marvin Gaye Jr. was a native Washingtonian born on April 2, 1939 and attended the Cardozo Senior High School;

WHEREAS, Marvin Gaye Jr. is honored as an outstanding professional of the music and entertainment industry with 52 hit record releases between 1962 and 1978;

WHEREAS, it is from the lyrics of Marvin Gaye Jr.'s song "What's Going On" that the phrase "save the children" was popularized and his concern for the welfare of children began;

WHEREAS, the accolades of Marvin Gaye Jr. include an American Music Award, A National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Image Award, and a Grammy Award;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 1984 Marvin Gaye Jr. died and his legacy to save the children has been carried on by the concerted efforts of the African American Music Association, Inc.;

WHEREAS, Marvin Gaye Day is an event that includes performances by local entertainers, speeches by community leaders and the participation of youth organizations and church youth auxiliaries from across our city; and

WHEREAS, the Marvin Gaye Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund will use the proceeds from the Marvin Gaye Day Memorial Scholarship and Awards Celebration to assist students with musical talent from Cardozo Senior High School and high schools throughout the city as they pursue post secondary studies.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the "20th Annual Marvin Gaye Day Recognition Resolution of 2004".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia congratulates the African American Music Association, Inc., on its 20th Annual Marvin Gaye Day, encourages all residents of the District of Columbia to join its efforts to "Save Our Children", and declares April 2, 2004 as "Marvin Gaye Day" in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.